

1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed 6/29/09. Claim 10 has been amended.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The RFID tag communication device taught by **Nagai et al** [US 2007/0120650] teaches the claimed subject matter, such as the transceiver modules having reference frequency generators (No. 118) and communications ports (No. 148) allowing the control units (No. 112) to communicate with a LAN system. However, the priority date of the instant application pre-dates the priority date of the Nagai reference, rendering the claims allowable over said reference.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. The drawings were received on 6/29/09. These drawings are approved.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Tweel, Jr. whose telephone number is 571 272 2969. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin C. Lee can be reached on 571 272 2963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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